

IN HONOR OF PHILIP EMERY
SCHERRY

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a young constituent, Philip Emery Scherry, upon his receipt of the Eagle Scout Award at the National Court of Honor on June 20, 1995.

While only 15 years old, Philip has many accomplishments. He is a junior at Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis. He was a Cub Scout with Pack 361 for 3 years where he earned the distinguished Arrow of Light. He then became a member of Troop 361, St. Mary Magdalene, Brentwood, MO, for 6 years. Some of his leadership positions include assistant patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, troop guide, quartermaster, and senior patrol leader. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow by the Scouts of his troop and selected for Junior Leader Training Camp.

In order to receive the Eagle Scout Award, Philip Scherry has donated over 600 hours of service to his troop and his community. Some of his service projects include the Scouting for Food, Christmas toy drives for St. Louis city children, the kickoff for a Brentwood city-wide recycling program, two city creek cleanups, tree planting for the Missouri Botanical Gardens, building park benches for Brentwood Parks and Recreation, and reconstructing playground areas for local schools. For his Eagle Service Project, Philip built a picnic shelter/viewing area for the Wabash Frisco & Pacific Model Railroad. This shelter provides a safe viewing area for visitors to watch the live steam railroad crews working the trains and turnaround.

Service projects are not Philip's only accomplishments. He has traveled to the National Scouting Museum in Murray, KY. He was also a member of the troop contingent to the 1993 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA, as well as attending the 50th anniversary celebration of Lincoln Day in Springfield, IL. Finally, Philip is a member of the 1995 troop contingent to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Philip Scherry embodies the volunteerism and community commitment that is so vital to the spirit of our Nation. His dedication as a member of the Eagle Scouts will be remembered long after June 20.

I therefore want to take this opportunity to congratulate Philip and his parents Ed and Sandy Scherry on his achievements. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to represent them.

TRIBUTE TO NAVY LT. COMDR.
TOM DIETZ

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Comdr. Tom Dietz—our resident Navy Seal and special operations warfare specialist here in Congress—for his distinguished service to the U.S. Special Operations Command, the U.S. Navy, and the entire Nation as

the Special Operations Command Legislative Liaison for Naval Special Warfare programs. In this capacity, Tom quickly established a solid reputation with both Members of Congress and their staff due to his extensive knowledge of all special operations issues. Fresh from his daring and highly decorated exploits in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm, Tom was able to give us an insider's view to the unique and powerful Special Operations Force which we in Congress have worked so hard to support during defense budget deliberations.

Tom Dietz has played a vital part in building this congressional support by earning our trust and respect. His effective work on Capitol Hill is legendary. Because of Tom's dedication and commitment to excellence, U.S. Navy Seals, the U.S. Special Operations Command, and the entire Department of Defense will long reap the benefits of his tenure on Capitol Hill. All of my colleagues and I bid Tom, his wife Pam, and their son and future Seal Tyler, a fond farewell. Good luck and Godspeed at your next assignment at "Seal Central" on Coronado Island, CA.

THE FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET
RESOLUTION

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today we are being presented with four alternative budget resolutions—two offered by the majority and two by the minority. For the first time in a quarter century, each of the resolutions before us would result in a balanced Federal budget. Each resolution recognizes that our current pattern of runaway spending is both economically unsustainable and morally indefensible. Each resolution presents us with very difficult, even painful choices; they are not ones that we relish making today or that we will relish making in the future. But the bottom line, Mr. Speaker, is that we will have to make them—and postponing them won't make them any easier.

Let's consider a few facts. Our national debt stands at \$4.8 trillion—that is \$18,460 owed by every man, woman, and child in our Nation. Interest on our debt is the fastest-growing part of the Federal budget; in fact, each year, the Federal Government spends 15 cents of every dollar—or more than \$200 billion—just on interest on the debt. That is almost as much as we spend on all nondefense discretionary programs combined—on education, job training, medical research, and much more. If current trends are not abated, interest and entitlement obligations will continue to grow exponentially until there is little left for anything else. Our choice today, then, is not about whether to balance the budget; it is about how to balance it.

This morning, I voted for the budget resolution offered by Democratic Representatives CHARLES STENHOLM and BILL ORTON. The Stenholm-Orton budget would have cut defense expenditures by \$60 billion more than the committee resolution, and it would have cut domestic expenditures by \$60 billion less. In addition, the Stenholm-Orton budget would have funded a tax cut, would not have in-

creased contributions to civil service retirement, would not have cut the student loan program, and it would have slowed the growth in Medicare spending more modestly than the committee resolution. Unfortunately, the Stenholm-Orton resolution was defeated by a wide margin.

Given the defeat of this resolution, and due to the paramount importance of putting our Nation on a glidepath to a balanced budget, I will support the Budget Committee's resolution. While I have concerns about some aspects of the committee budget, I believe that these concerns can be addressed in a House-Senate conference, and that the budget process must move forward. In fact, given the prevailing sentiment in the Senate, it is my expectation that the final document produced by House and Senate conferees will be very similar to the Stenholm-Orton budget for which I voted today: it will contain deeper defense cuts, more modest domestic cuts, and few, if any, tax cuts.

Mr. Speaker, a budget on a path to balance—however imperfect that path may be—is preferable to one that saddles future generations with hundreds of billions of dollars of debt each year. In addition, we must remember that a budget resolution is a blueprint, not a fully binding document, and that the authorizing and appropriating committees will have final discretion in determining how funds are spent in each budget category. That is why I will continue to work with these committees to protect our national priorities—education, health care, equity for our civil service, and much more, as I have done throughout my service in the Congress.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JAY
SAMONIE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the years of service and achievement of the Reverend Jay Samonie. On July 1, 1995, Father Samonie will retire as pastor from St. Michael Catholic Church, in Monroe, MI.

The son of Lebanese-American parents, Jacob and Marie Samonie, Father Samonie is 1 of 11 children and grew up on the east side of Detroit.

When he was 14, he enrolled at Sacred Heart Seminary, where he completed high school and obtained a bachelor's degree. He took postgraduate studies in theology at the St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, MI. He received a master's degree from the University of Detroit in 1971 and a doctorate in 1988. Father Samonie was knighted by the worldwide Order of St. Peter in 1984 and joined the Knights of Columbus in 1989.

Before coming to Monroe, Father Samonie served as pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit for 11 years, where he led medical and social programs serving more than 30,000 people annually. His other pastorates include St. Michael Parish in Pontiac in 1972 and St. Bernadette Church in Dearborn in 1968.

Throughout his years of service, Father Samonie has remained active in the community and the Archdiocese. He served as vicar